

MINUTES  
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 4:00 p.m. 27 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 5:56 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Committee Room.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal  
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez  
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow  
(M) Frederick Kosmo  
(M) Theresa Quiroz  
(M) David Potter  
(M) Arthur Nishioka

**ROLL CALL:**

Chair Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal-present  
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez-present  
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow-present  
(M) Frederick Kosmo-present  
(M) Theresa Quiroz-present  
(M) David Potter-present  
(M) Arthur Nishioka-present

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director prior to 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no

discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

Comment 1 - Jim Varnadore thanked the Commissioners for their service, complimented staff on the quality of the meeting minutes, and commented on communities of interest.

Comment 2 - Alexander Nguyen, Mira Mesa Town Council, commented that the Mira Mesa neighborhood should compose the heart of the new ninth district.

Comment 3 - Mitz Lee, Asian & Pacific American Coalition (APAC), thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and desire to have an open, transparent process. She introduced Dr. Allen Chan to provide information on a series of maps developed by APAC.

Comment 4 - Dr. Allen Chan, APAC, presented a series of maps developed by APAC based on population growth estimates from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Commissioner Kosmo thanked Ms. Lee and Dr. Chan for their presentation and expressed appreciation for developing a map that showed proposals for all districts.

Comment 5 - Anne Shillam spoke about the Mira Mesa neighborhood and presented a news article.

Comment 6 - Kim Phan, APAC, spoke about the Convoy and Kearny Mesa business areas and in support of the map presented by APAC.

Comment 7 - Phal Chourp spoke about the Cambodian community in City Heights and in support of the map presented by APAC.

Comment 8 - Brian Pollard spoke about inviting groups in bordering districts to come together to collaborate on redistricting matters.

Vice Chair Marquez thanked Mr. Pollard for his comment inviting community groups in districts that had not yet participated in Commission meetings to attend.

**CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING  
COMMISSION COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Commissioner Comment 1 - Commissioner Potter commented that he had to leave the meeting early, but would watch the video of the meeting in its entirety.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM - 3: PRESENTATION REGARDING U.S. CENSUS DATA BY KRISTEN ROHANNA, SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG).**

Chair Dalal requested that this item be heard first to be respectful of the guest speaker's time.

Kristen Rohanna, SANDAG, provided a presentation on how Census data plays into the redistricting process and the data file that can be expected to be released.

P.L. 94171 requires that the Census Bureau provide state legislatures with small area data for legislative redistricting purposes, and that this data be delivered by April 1. P.L. 94171 is also called the "redistricting file."

The type of data expected to be released in the file includes questions related to race, age, ethnicity, gender, and home ownership. Population changes in the currently drawn districts are expected to be seen. Data is released at the Census block level -- usually the size of a city block.

The redistricting file is released by state, and usually a week's advance notice is provided via the Census Bureau web site. California's file has not yet been released.

A handout was provided on the type of data to be released in P.L. 94171.

Vice Chair Marquez asked what type of data besides occupancy status could be provided.

Ms. Rohanna responded that the Census Bureau only provides detail on status of home ownership.

Commissioner Nishioka requested that the Chief of Staff notify the Commission by email when the week's advance notice is provided by the Census Bureau and that the notification also be posted to the Commission web site.

Commissioner Quiroz asked questions about other Geographic Information System (GIS) layers that could assist the community in identifying streets and boundaries.

Ms. Rohanna responded that SANDAG does have some of these layers and could work with the consultant selected by the Commission to integrate it into mapping software.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM - 2: OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AND POTENTIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES.**

Commissioner Potter gave a status report on two meetings of the Outreach Subcommittee to work on scheduling public hearings, developing a public participation plan and outreach strategy, and procuring potential consultant services to support this strategy.

Commissioner Potter encouraged community members to provide suggestions for facilities that could be used to host public hearings to the Chief of Staff.

The Commission discussed the Outreach Subcommittee recommendations.

**Motion by Commissioner Potter: Schedule two pre-data or introductory public hearings in the month of March, with one to be held south of Interstate 8, and one north of Interstate 8. Second by Chair Dalal. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Potter: Schedule eight pre-map public hearings targeted in April and eight post-map public hearings targeted in July, with at least two in each currently drawn City Council district. Second by Commissioner Quiroz.**

Commissioner Quiroz requested that the motion not preclude the Commission from holding additional public hearings if the Commission desires.

Chair Dalal requested that the Outreach Subcommittee provide that recommendation should its members believe it necessary to hold additional public hearings.

**The motion is approved unanimously 7-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Potter - Direct the Chief of Staff to compile a database of interested parties; develop an outreach flyer that introduces the Commission and invites community groups to request “pre-data” introductory presentations at their meetings; provide notice to interested parties on the Commission web site and through the interested parties database that they can request to be placed on an email distribution list to receive Commission meeting notices and updates; and issue a press release that includes this information as well as notice of the “pre-data” introductory public hearings once dates are confirmed. Second by Commissioner Quiroz. The motion is approved unanimously 7-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Potter - Authorize the Chief of Staff to provide introductory pre-data presentations to meetings of community and stakeholder groups upon request. Second by Commissioner Quiroz. The motion is approved unanimously 7-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Potter - Authorize the Outreach Subcommittee and the Chief of Staff to work with the Purchasing Department to interview and procure a consultant for the purpose of producing a public participation plan. Second by Commissioner Quiroz.**

Commissioner Nishioka requested that an item be scheduled for the Commission to approve the amount of the contract prior to execution.

Commissioner Morrow expressed a reminder that the Commission is independent and needs to separate from the City as much as possible. She stated that the Commission should not use the "short list" to procure a consultant.

**Motion is approved 6-1. Those in favor are Chair Dalal, Vice Chair Marquez, Commissioner Kosmo, Commissioner Nishioka, Commissioner Potter, and Commissioner Quiroz. Commissioner Morrow is in opposition.**

**ITEM - 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETINGS: DECEMBER 10, 2010, AND JANUARY 6, JANUARY 13, JANUARY 27, AND FEBRUARY 3, 2011.**

Commissioner Quiroz noted she was absent from the January 6, 2011, meeting and requested the following changes:

- Remove "in the last two weeks" from the Item 4 Hiring Subcommittee in the December 10, 2010, meeting minutes.
- Add criteria to the Item 2 motion in the February 3, 2011, meeting minutes.

She mentioned a request that a monthly report on Commission expenditures be provided.

Commissioner Nishioka noted that he was absent from the January 6, 2011, meeting. He requested that Commissioner Comment 1 in the February 3, 2011, meeting minutes be changed to read "regarding the consideration to temporarily identify districts by letters instead of numbers."

Chair Dalal requested that Commissioner Comment 1 in the January 13, 2011, meeting minutes be changed to read "define a protocol for reporting between the Chief of Staff and the Commission."

Vice Chair Marquez noted that he was absent from the February 3, 2011, meeting.

Commissioner Nishioka requested that attendance numbers be added to the meeting minutes as submitted to the Chief of Staff.

**Motion by Commissioner Potter: Approve the minutes from the Redistricting Commission meetings of December 10, 2010, and January 6, 13, 27, and February 3, 2011, as corrected and with abstentions by Commissioners not present at individual meetings as stated. Second by Commissioner Dalal. The motion is approved unanimously 7-0.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

**ITEM - 4: PRESENTATION REGARDING REDISTRICTING LAW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak provided a presentation on legal requirements related to redistricting.

Commissioner Nishioka asked if there were any challenges to the 2000 redistricting plan.

Ms. Spivak responded no.

Commissioner Quiroz asked questions about disenfranchised groups and trends in voting.

Ms. Spivak clarified the role of legal criteria that need to be met and other data that could be presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Kosmo complemented Ms. Spivak on her presentation and commented that it is important for the Commission and members of the public to think about the legal issues associated with redistricting.

Chair Dalal also thanked Ms. Spivak and asked clarifying questions regarding population deviation and consultant assistance.

Vice Chair Marquez asked how much of this information would be presented at the pre-data introductory public hearings and requested that a modified version be prepared for this use.

**ITEM - 5: MAPPING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REDISTRICTING SUPPORT SERVICES.**

Commissioner Morrow reported that since the last Commission meeting, the subcommittee finalized the scope of work and submitted for final processing. The Chief of Staff expects to receive the complete final draft Request For Proposals by the following Tuesday.

Vice Chair Marquez asked about the cost of consultant services and what steps were being taken to prepare for requesting additional funds should it become a concern.

Chair Dalal noted that the Budget Subcommittee would be meeting to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Kosmo commented that the subcommittee requested that proposals include a line item breakdown of services to obtain a reasonable idea of costs.



**STAFF REPORTS**

**ITEM - 6: MIDORI WONG, CHIEF OF STAFF:**

Ms. Wong provided a report on presentations to interested community and stakeholders groups and discussed progress on implementing the first phase of the outreach effort. Efforts included reaching out to each Council District office, the Mayor's office, and the City Clerk's office to obtain contact information for community groups.

She noted that several presentation requests have already been received and scheduled, and that the office welcomes and appreciates other invitations by interested groups.

Information on the distribution list and requests for presentations is posted on the Commission web site.

Commissioner Nishioka asked when the financial update on the Commission budget would be provided.

Ms. Wong responded that an update of Commission expenditures could be provided at the next meeting and monthly thereafter, but that a different approach would need to be taken to calculate City staff time not being charged to the Commission budget.

Commissioner Kosmo requested that a regular email of presentation requests being scheduled be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Quiroz asked that the Assistant to the Chief of Staff be introduced and asked for information on salary and assessment of criteria to be evaluated as part of performance.

Ms. Wong introduced the Assistant to the Chief of Staff and noted that a trial period was still in effect. An update could be provided at the next Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Midori Wong, Chief of Staff  
Robert Gray, Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
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